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# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



## San Benito-Monterey Unit

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**RELEASE**  
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### **Vegetation Fire, Paicines (San Benito County)**

**Monterey, CA** — Around 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2015, CAL FIRE received a call for a vegetation fire near the intersection of Cienega Road and Limekiln Road, near the community of Paicines, south of Hollister (San Benito County). CAL FIRE responded to the fire with 8 engines, 4 hand crews, 2 bull dozers, an air tactical aircraft, 4 air tankers, and 2 helicopters, for a total of about 125 firefighters.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Upon arrival of the first firefighters, the fire was already 30-45 acres in size. In this rural and rugged area of the county, there are few roads, which hampered firefighters' efforts to reach the blaze. Aircraft slowed the spread through the brush on the steep hillsides.

The fire is currently 200 acres in size with 0% containment. No structures have been threatened by this fire. There are no injuries as a result of this fire.

Residents are encouraged to exercise extreme caution when in or near the wildland or open areas to prevent a fire. It is important that everyone monitor the weather and be on the lookout for fires. If fires occur in the area, be prepared to follow all instructions of fire and law enforcement officials if an evacuation is ordered. The public is encouraged to review "Ready, Set, Go" procedures at [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org). Each person and family should insure that they are "Set" for a potential emergency situation and prepared to activate the "Go" (evacuation) portion in a calm and safe manner.

For more ways to prepare and prevent wildfires visit [www.ReadyForWildfire.org](http://www.ReadyForWildfire.org) or [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

**Who:** CAL FIRE  
**What:** Vegetation Fire #CienegaFire  
**When:** October 12, 2015, 3:57 p.m.  
**Where:** [Cienega Rd X Limekiln Rd](#), Paicines, south of Hollister (San Benito County)

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